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SUBJECT: EGYPT'S GOVERNMENT-BACKED UNION LEADER ON STRIKES,  
INDEPENDENT UNIONS

REF: A. CAIRO 684 B. CAIRO 1547 Classified By: Economic-Political Minister-Counselor Donald A. Blome for reason 1.4 (d).

¶1. Key points: -- (SBU) On December 22, we met with XXXXXXXXXXXXXXX a GoE-controlled trade union umbrella organization. XXXXXXXXXXXXXXX one of 23 ET  
¶2. (C) Comment: As Egypt's workers continue to strike and demonstrate for higher wages and improved working conditions, with little support fr  
¶3. (C) According to XXXXXXXXXXXXXXX, ETUF does not oppose or interfere in labor strikes and protests, which XXXXXXXXXXXXXXX said are "sometimes nece  
¶4. (C) XXXXXXXXXXXXXXX said that strikes and protests are driven by economics, not politics, and workers lose interest when "outsiders" attempt t  
¶5. (C) XXXXXXXXXXXXXXX said that ETUF will soon announce the formation of a 24th ETUF-member union, one to represent real estate tax collectors w